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 TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

EVALUATION See below PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1A

DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED] 25X1A

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 27 July 1953

REFERENCES [REDACTED]

PAGES 4 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]

REMARKS [REDACTED]

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SOURCE [REDACTED]

CB - Converted Boxcar
 B - Boxcar
 F - Flatcar
 G - Gondola Car
 RRYM - Heavy-Duty Flatcar
 SSY - Heavy-Duty Flatcar

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1. The following six troop trains coming from Bad Freienwalde were unloaded at Strausberg and in the Strausberg-Kaulsdorf area on 15 and 16 July 1953:

<u>Date in July</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>Tons</u>
15	12 B, 11 RRYM	700
	13 B, 6 F, 11 RRYM	900
16	10 B, 3 F, 11 RRYM	800
	11 B, 12 RRYM	800
	12 B, 50 F	1,000
	25 B, 23 F	900

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2. [REDACTED] the following empty railroad cars were to be made available on 16, 17 and 18 July:

<u>Date in July</u>	<u>Number of Cars</u>	<u>Assembling Station</u>
16	6 CB, 28 RRYM	Schoeneweide
17	9 CB, 3 F, 36 RRYM	Neuruppin
18	36 CB	Caputh
	32 CB, 105 F	Luckenwalde

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3. On 16 July, about 6 trains with tanks, and about 3 trains with artillery pieces were unloaded at Schoeneweide. Source learned that a train with troops, four tanks and an undetermined number of trucks was unloaded at Kaulsdorf on the same day. ¹

4. During the night of 16 July, 67 tanks were entrained at Schoeneweide. ¹

5. Troop trains observed on 18 July included: a train of an undetermined number of converted boxcars and flatcars with 9 x 88.5-mm AA guns from Frankfurt/Oder to Justerbog; and a train with troops, 4 x 85-mm AT guns and trucks, including

6. By order of the Soviet transportation control headquarters, dated 15 July, the following empty railroad cars were to be made available:

<u>Number of Cars</u>	<u>Assembling Station</u>
3 CB, 1 F, 12 RRYM	Berlin - East freight station
3 CB, 1 F, 12 RRYM	Berlin - East freight station
3 CB, 1 F, 12 RRYM	Wriezen
3 CB, 4 F, 10 RRYM	Schoeneweide

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Locomotives and railroad personnel for these trains were to be made available at 1 p.m. on 17 July. ¹

7. Troop trains listed in railroad records on 18 and 19 July included:

<u>Date in July</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
18	2 B, 3 CB, 7 F	Frankfurt/Oder	Justerbog-Altes Lager
	11 B, 10 CB, 38 F	Wildpark	Altengrabow
	3 B, 13 F	Rathenow	Buttstaedt
	5 B, 7 CB, 27 F	Wildpark	Altengrabow
	11 B, 4 CB, 44 F	Fuerstenwalde	Joachimsthal
	10 B, 32 F	Wildpark	Altengrabow
19	16 B, 15 F	"	"
	9 B, 21 F	Luckenwalde	Neustrelitz
	12 B, 18 F	Velten	Neubukow
	11 B, 28 F	Luckenwalde	Fuerstenberg
	16 B, 30 F	"	Neustrelitz

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- 25X1 8. [REDACTED] that the following empty railroad cars were to be made available on 20, 21 and 22 July:

<u>Date in July</u>	<u>Number of Cars</u>	<u>Dispatching Station</u>	<u>Assembling Station</u>	[REDACTED]	25X1
20	10 B, 1 SSY	-	Frankfurt/Oder	-	
	5 B, 3 SSY	-	Muellrose	-	
	27 B	-	Satzkorn	-	
21	6 B, 5 G, 5 F	-	Rathenow	-	
	15 B	-	Muellrose	-	
	3 CB, 2 B, 3 F, 6 SSY	Oranienburg	Haldensleben	-	25X1B
	11 CB, 11 B, 32 F	Bernau	Jueterbog-Altes Lager	-	
	9 CB, 3 B, 45 F	Bernau	Jueterbog-Altes Lager	-	
	10 B; transitworthy	-	Fuerstenwalde	-	
22	2 CB, 2 B, 14 SSY	Jueterbog	Wittenberg	-	
	14 B	-	Muellrose	-	
	1 CB, 3 B, 2 F	-	Jueterbog-Altes Lager	-	
	11 B, 2 F	-	Frankfurt/Oder	-	

- 25X1A 1. [REDACTED] Comment. Two previous reports by another source indicated the assembling of these trains for transportation of troops from Bad Freienwalde to Strausberg; the unloading of three troop trains [REDACTED] and the unloading of a fourth troop train at the Kaulsdorf railroad station. See [REDACTED]. All trains carried components of the 6th Gds Mecz Div. The information in paragraph 3 of the present report confirms the unloading of one of these trains.
- 25X1A Units unloaded at the Schoeneweide railroad station belonged to the 7th Gds Mecz Div from Fuerstenwalde. Other sources stated that the unloaded troops went to the Wuhlheide. Observations at the Schoeneweide railroad station indicate that probably rear details of the 1st Mecz Div were entrained at the Berlin-East freight station and at Wriezen and Schoeneweide.
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- 25X1A 2. [REDACTED] Comment. Paragraph 6 indicates that, on 15 July 1953, the troop trains [REDACTED] were used for shipping away units of the 1st Mecz Div from East Berlin to Doeberitz. The empty trains probably were redispached from Doeberitz to Neuruppin for another employment.

- 25X1A 3. [REDACTED] Comment. The train from Frankfurt/Oder to Jueterbog probably was identical with the train [REDACTED] in paragraph 7. The train may have carried materiel only; otherwise the transfer of a medium AAA unit to the Jueterbog area for training is observed for the first time. Previous combat firing practices by medium AAA units only were reported from the Wustrow AAA Range. The vehicle number on the other troop train belonged to the 32nd AAA Div (US), thus indicating that the train carried medium AA guns instead of AT guns.

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4. Comment. The assembling of cars, the entraining station and the unloading station of these troop trains were previously reported by the same source. Compared with the reference report, however, the following discrepancies are observed as to the receiving stations:

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The train went to Joachimsthal instead of Wuensdorf. Joachimsthal as receiving station is not indicative of the identity of the unit loaded on the train.

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The train went to Neubukow instead of Wuensdorf, which indicates that the train carried a component of the 31st AAA Div.

The troop trains from Wildpark hauled the 30th Gds Gun Arty Brig to Altengrabow; while artillery units of the 9th Gds Tank Div returned to their home stations on the troop trains from Luckenwalde, following a 3-day stay at the Jueterbog troop training grounds. The troop train from Rathenow probably carried a unit of the IV Arty Corps, possibly the 25th RL Brig, which moved to the area of the Eighth Gds Army for field exercises.

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